

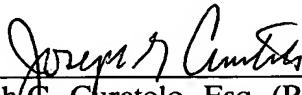
## REMARKS

This application is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP2002/013328 filed 25 November 2002, from which application priority is claimed.

Amendments to the claims have been made to place the claims in U.S. format. Applicant submits that the amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims, but rather are for purposes of clarification and proper format.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above claims before the fees are calculated and earnestly solicits a formal Notice of Allowability directed to claims 1 and 3-21.

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